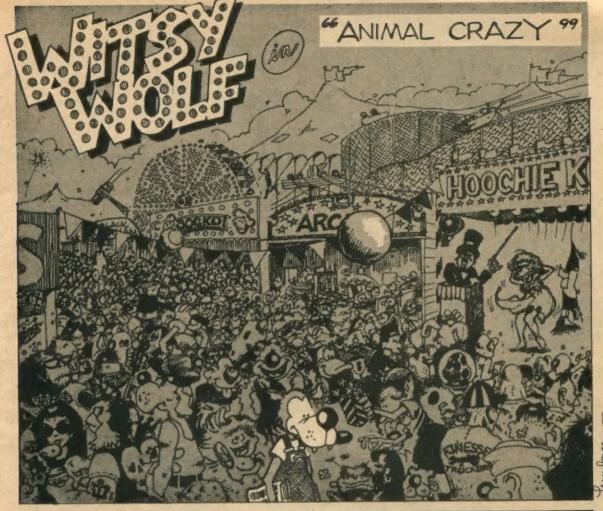




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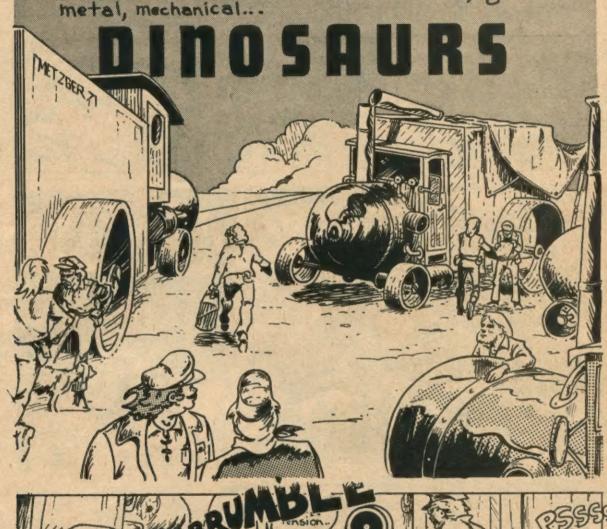








the time of the Phoenix: Civilization up from the askes A town of wood and stone buildings clusters about a roadway running horizon to horizon. Grouped together at the edge are the steam machines. Belching smoke, clattering and clanking among themselves they are like some leviathons from the Dawn, great



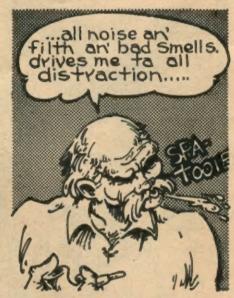








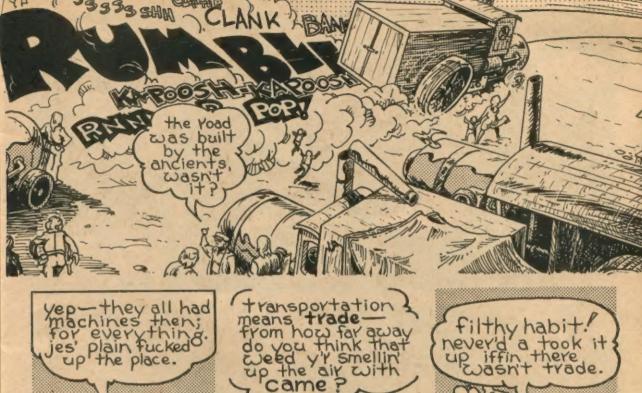














means trade—
from how far away
do you think that
weed y'r smellin
up the air with
Came?







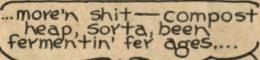
























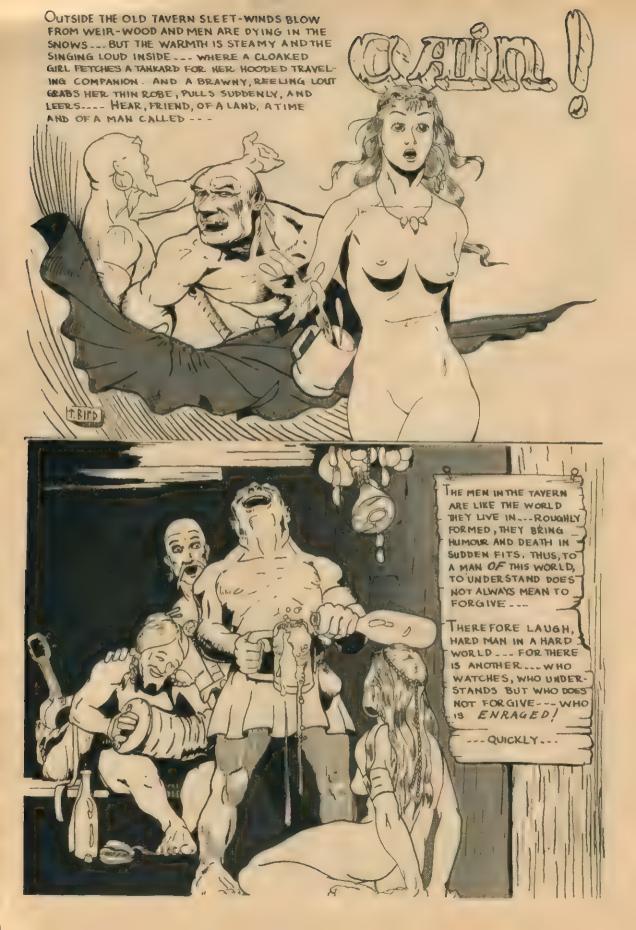














WHAT HE SAID 13 NOT IMPORTANT... BUT THEY SAY,
FRIEND, HIS VOICE HAD
ECHOES IN IT ... OF THE
SCREAMS MEN MADE
WHEN HIS SCARS WERE
BORN ... MEN WHO SAW THEIR OWN LIFE'S BLOOD
RUNNING TOO FAR ... TOO
FAST ...

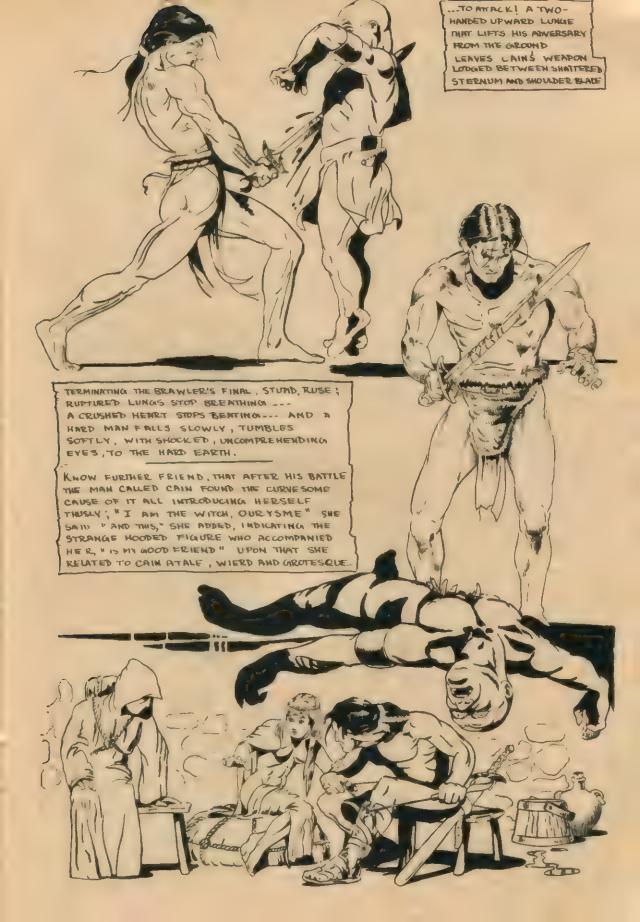
HE WAS CAIN ... AND HIS CRY WAS FOLLOWED BY A SILENCE ---

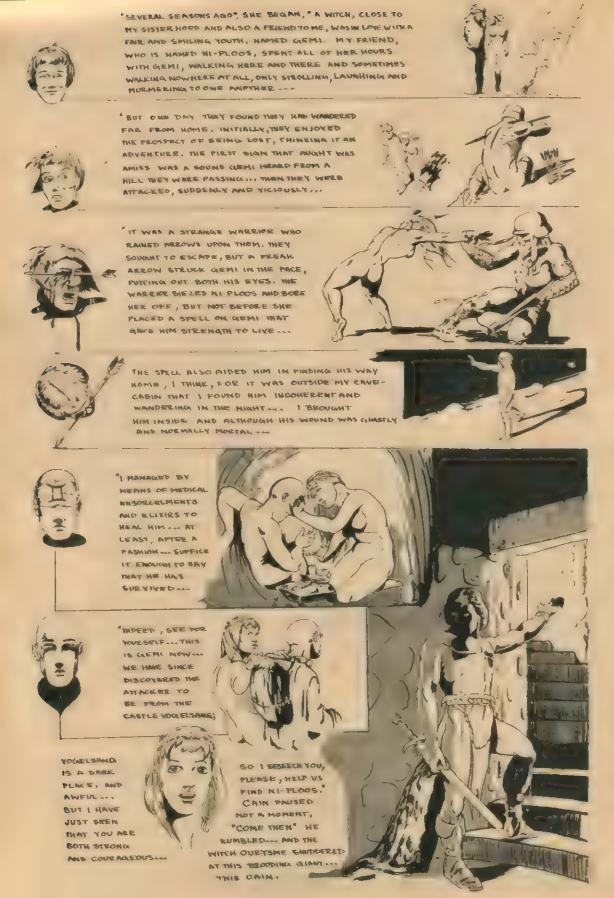












-AND THE THREE EMBARKED INTO THE BITTER COLD OF WINTER'S END ... WITH OURYSME EX-PLAINING HOW THE DARK LORDS OF VOGELSAND, IN SYNCHRONIZATION WITH THE SEASONS, LEFT THEIR CASTLE HOUR TIMES BACH YEAR IN WIERD PILGRIMMAGE TO STRANGE LATITUDES THAT, SO WHISPERED TALES RAN, THEY MIGHT HOLD GHASTLY CONCLAVE WITH OTHERS OF THEIR KIND WHO, LIKE THEM, JOURNEYED . FROM CHARNEL LANDS TO MEET IN A GRISLY CONVOCATION THE WHAT-HESS OF WHICH NO MAN KNEW NORDARED GUESS

THROUGH FROST FORESTS AND ACROSS ICE-PLAINS THEY WENT UNTIL AT LAST ...





ON WINTERS-ENDDAY, THE THREE MADE
THEIR WAY OVER THE
MOUNTAINS THAT RING
YORELSANG VALLEY.
SUDDENLY CAIN SHOUTS
AND POINTING, HE EXCLAIMS "LOOK! A GRAT
FLYING LIZARD! I'VE
HEARD THEY MAUNT
THESE CLIFFS..."



"QUEKLY, WE MUST HIDE!" OURVIME INTERRUPTS AND AS THE WIERD THING WHISTLES OVERHEAD SHE RESTRAINS CAIN, SAYING "IT IS NOT AN ANIMAL BUT A HACHINE SET BY THE DARK LORDS TO SPY OUT THE MOVEMENTS OF IN VADERS OF THEIR REALM.



UNUSED TO PLEEING MAN OR MECHANISM, A MUCH DISGEUNTLED CAIN SHAKES HIS FIST AT THE SPECTRAL MACHINE, VOWING TO ONE DAY RUD THE MOUNTAINS OF ITS PLITTING HAUNTS . BUT THE INCIDENT IS NOT WITHOUT VALUE, FOR OURYS ME SAYS; "THAT SHIP WAS UNPILOTED, INDI-CATING VOGELSANG'S MASTERS ARE STILL ASSENT WE CAN EXPECT TO PIND NI-PLOOS CAPTIVE IN A CLIPF-CELL AND NOT, THANK THE GODS, IN THE CASTLE ITSELF. HER GUARDS," SHE GLANCES AT GEMI AS IF FOR CONFIRMATION, "WILL HAVE KEYS TO OPERATE THE CELL - LOCKS " CAIN REGARDS HER SUSPICIOUSLY, "HOW WILL WE FIND THIS CLIFF-CELL ?" "GEM! WILL LEAD US TO IT " RESPONDS OURYSME BLIND MAN! ?" PROTESTS CAIN ... "YES. WITH THE AID THAT HI-PLOOS CAR GIVE HIM ... BUT WAIT O' CAIN ... BE PATIENT BUT ABIT LONGER AND IF WE ARE SUCCESS FUL MANY THINGS WILL BECOME CLEAR! REJOINS THE WITCH



SOON THE THREE STAND BEFORE THE LEANING MENHIRS THAT, CARVED WITH SYMBOLS OF ANCIENT SORCERY AND FOULNESS, MARKED VOGELSANG'S DANK BORDERS. GEMI, AS PREDICTED, LED THE WAY WITH APPARENT CERTAINTY AS AN AMAZED CAIN LOOKED ON THEIR WAY LED THEM PAST RESKING WELLS AND MASSIVE ANTHROPO MORPHIC MONOLITHS UNTIL CAIN SPIED A REDLY PLICKERING LIGHT AHEAD

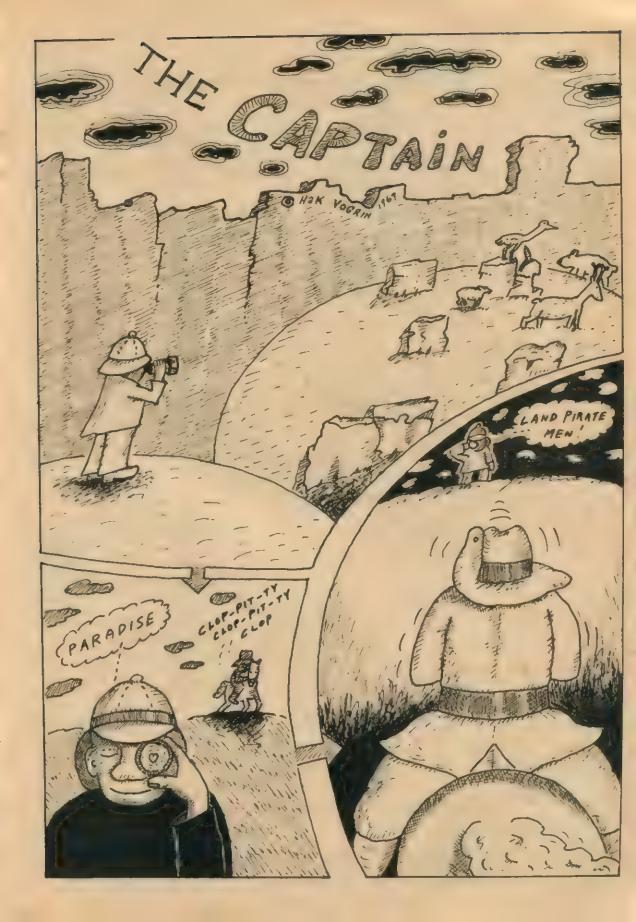


OURVEME. CAIN HODE AND PREPARES FOR ATTACK. HE SHARPENS A STAFF TO FORM A GRUDE SPEAR, FINDS A VANTAGE POINT IN THE DARKHESE AND CHOOSES HIS TARGET BUT SUDDENLY



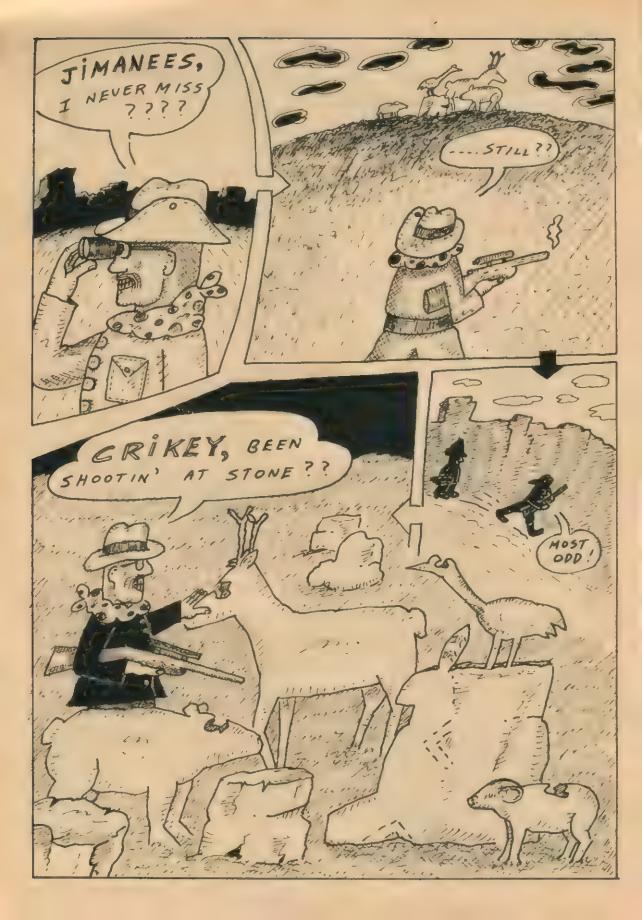






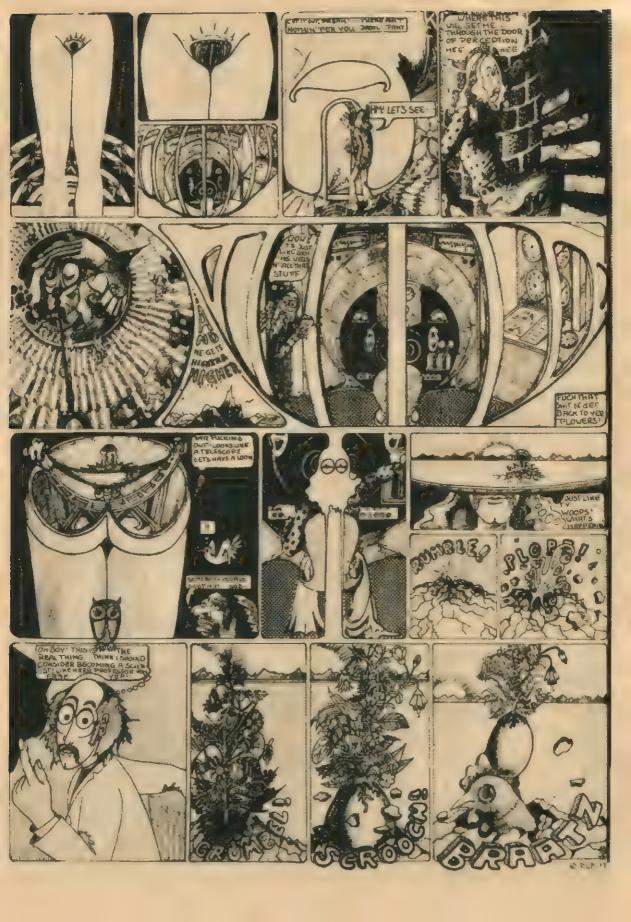






































VUP FOLKS THANK GAND
OUR TRIEND TOUND HIS
WAY BACK TO THE ESSENTIAL
THINGS! TEARLESSLY
HE CONTEMPLATES WHICH
CAME TRIST
OR THE EGG
RIGHT ON! GOOD BOY!
THAT'S HOUSE HE.T.













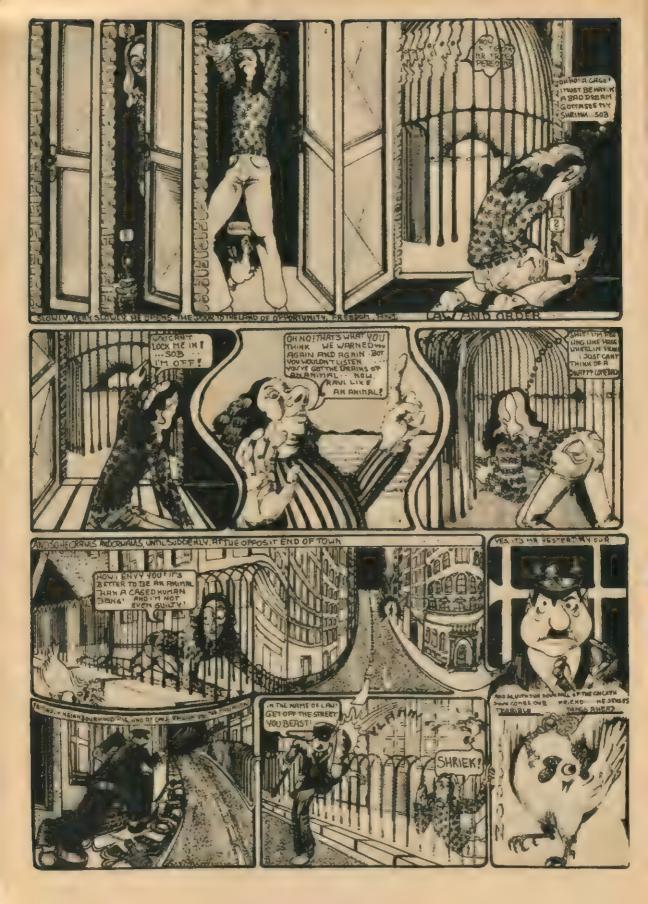


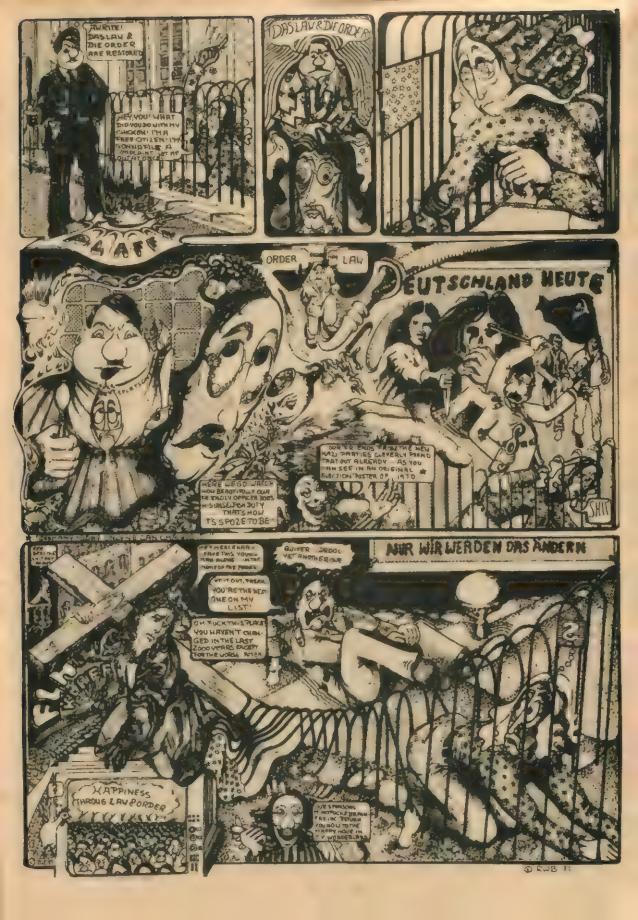


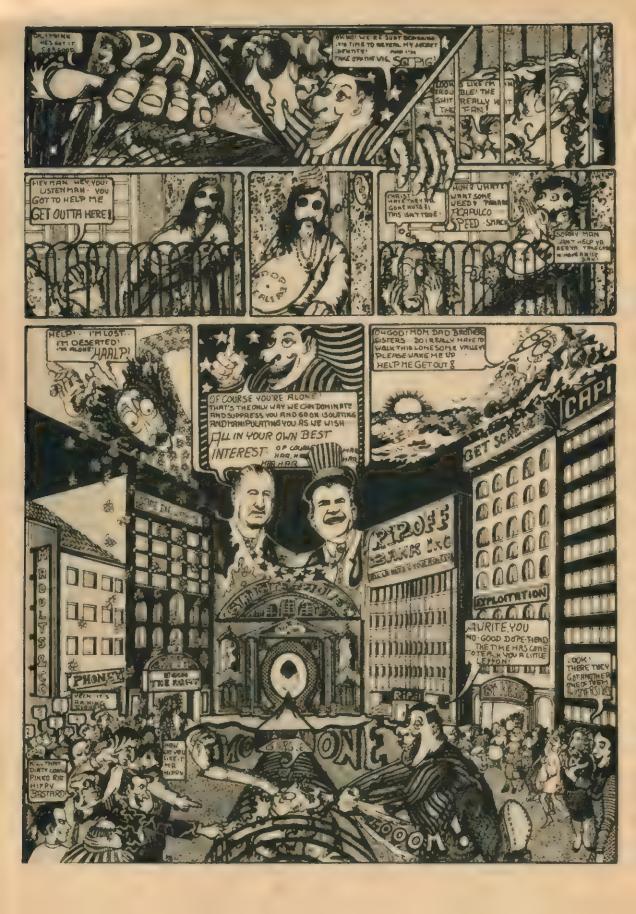






































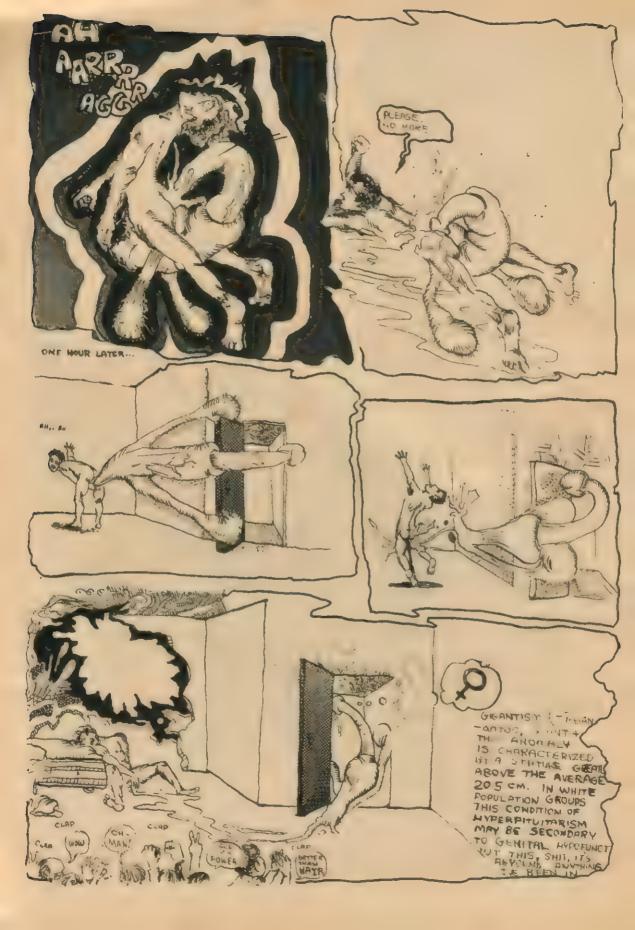
WILL WOUSE NAME ARE SOUL LOW ARTHOUS LING COST SEE COST! LETER RING DOU!! LETER RING DOU!! LETER RING DOU!! LETER RING FAILER LING IT'S GOTTER HERE RINGTER HERE RINGTER HERE RINGTER LETER LINGTER LE

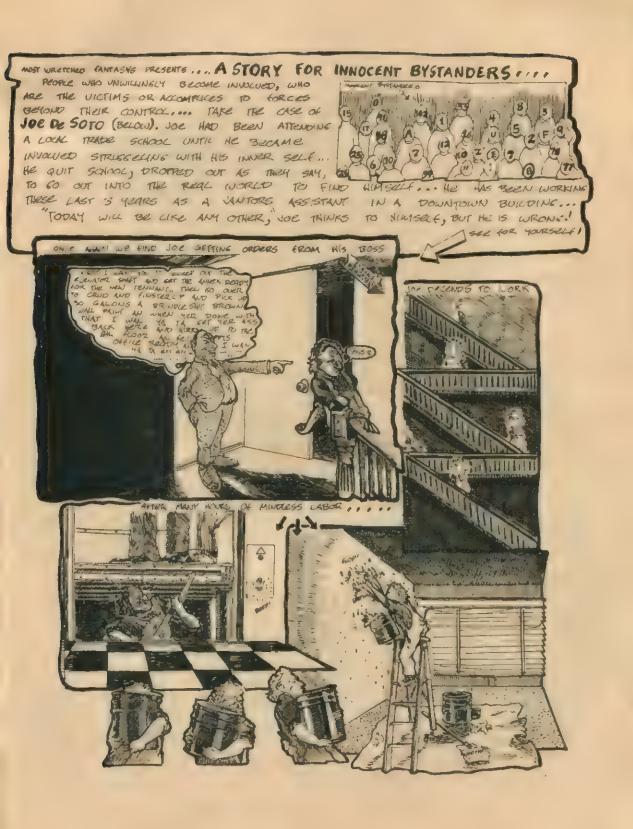
BUT I'LL GET PLL OF YOU IN THE END (?)

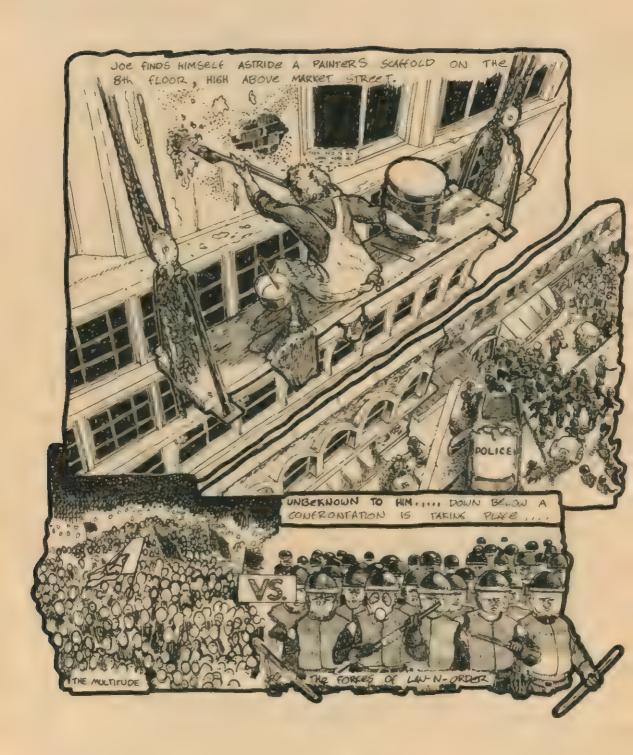
MORN











THE TAC- SQUAD PREPARES TO MOVE !!! नित्रिके के के के के के के के के कि THE PRINCING OF THE PRINCIPLE OF WITH BEEN WORKING SCAFFOLD; HOT DAY AND TRISION 15 100 MUCH LOOK! HE'S UP THERE GET THAT

